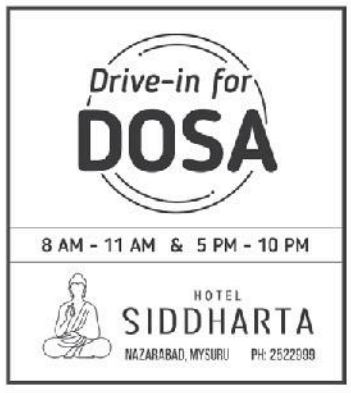

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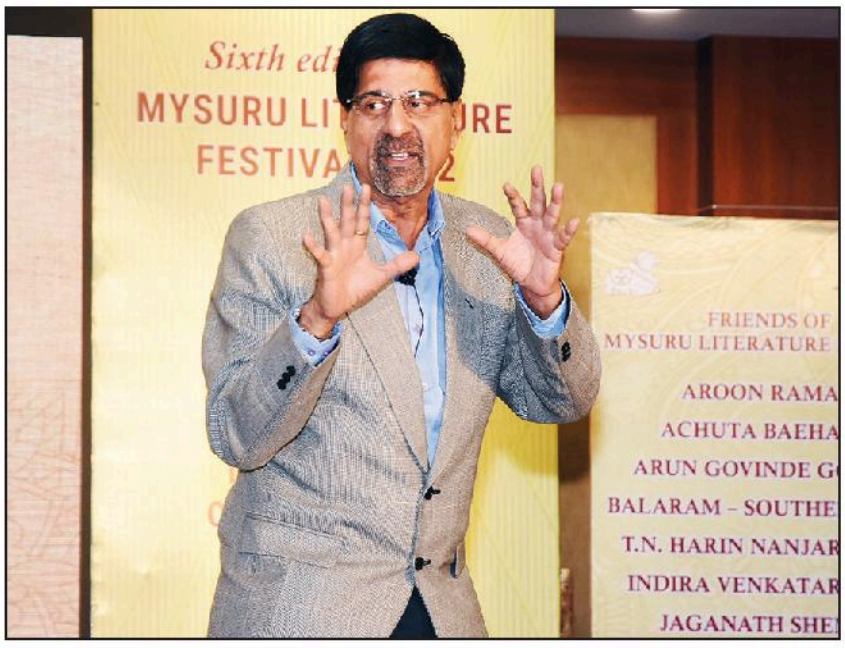
Sixth Edition of Mysuru Literature Festival

Kris Srikkanth relives 1983 World Cup win memories



Legendary India cricketer Krishnamachari Srikkanth in action.

"We thought Kapil Dev was crazy but his self-belief got us thinking maybe it was true. We went out and beat them quite comfortably and suddenly thought to ourselves, we can do this."

Mysuru, July 24 (RKB&BCT)- The one-and-a-half-hour session on "Life's lessons from the 1983 World Cup victory" led by legendary India cricketer Krishnamachari (Kris) Srikkanth as part of the Sixth Season of the Mysuru Literature Festival captivated the audience as Srikkanth remembered vignettes from the competition like yesterday.

The festival is being organised at Hotel Southern Star on Vinobha Road by Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015. Today is the concluding day of the festival and there are sessions both in English and Kannada that cover a wide range of topics.

(See KRIS SRIKKANTH on page 7)

Building inside Jayanagar Park

PIL to be filed in High Court

Mysuru, July 24 (BCT)- A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) will be filed in the Karnataka High Court to force the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) against the construction activity at Jayanagar Park.

The MCC is constructing a building inside the small park on 2nd Main Road in Jayanagar, in complete violation of Karnataka Parks, Play Field and Open Spaces (Preservation and Regulation) Act, 1985.

It may be recalled here that *Star of Mysore* published a report on July 17 under the title '*Lung space shrinks: Residents object to construction at Jayanagar Park*'. As per the Act, no construction can be allowed in a park which is less than 2.5 hectares.

(See PIL on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 24th July 2022

Calling Maratha community members to avail loans

Mysuru, July 24 (SSM)- Karnataka Maratha Communities Development Corporation has invited applications from Category 3B - 2A to 2F (barring Maratha, Semi Kshatriya, Semi Maratha, Arya, Kokana Maratha, Kshatriya Maratha) for availing loans and subsidies under various Government Schemes for the year 2022-23.

Sri Shahaji Raje Development Scheme (Self-Employment Scheme): Under this scheme, in the unit cost of Rs. 50,000, 20 percent of the amount, that is Rs. 10,000, will be provided as subsidy while for remaining Rs. 40,000, 4 percent interest must be paid.

In the unit cost of Rs. 50,001 to Rs. 1,00,000, 20 percent of the amount, that is Rs. 20,000, will be provided as subsidy while for remaining Rs. 80,000, 4 percent interest must be paid.

In the unit cost of Rs. 1,00,001 to Rs. 2,00,000, 15 percent of the amount, that is Rs. 30,000, will be provided as subsidy while for remaining amount, 4 percent interest must be paid.

Applications can be submitted by logging on to *https://suvidha.karnataka.gov.in.*

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Scheme: Under this free skill development training for all the community members is offered at Government institutions like ITIs, GTTC and KGTTI through short-term courses.

Candidates aged between 18 and 25 years are eligible to apply. The annual income of the family of candidates must not exceed more than Rs. 8,00,000.

Interested may apply online *[https://www.kaushalkar.com].*

The last date to apply under all the schemes mentioned above is before Aug. 19. For details, visit *https://kmcdc.karnataka.gov.in/* or call Ph: 0821-2341194.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SAVING MOTHERS: A recent study published in the peer-reviewed journal, PLOS Global Public Health, casts a shadow over the progress of health care targeting women in the country, but also, questions the reliability of the country's own periodic estimates of maternal mortality ratio or MMR (number of mothers who die from complications in pregnancy for every one lakh live births.) Researchers from the International Institute for Population Sciences triangulated data from routine records of maternal deaths under the Health Management Information System, with Census data and the Sample Registration System (SRS) to provide the MMR for all States and districts of India. The analysis suggests that 70% of districts (448 out of 640 districts) in India have reported MMR above 70 deaths — a target under the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

It is ironic that as the nation plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Independence grandly, so many districts still show a very high MMR, clearly indicative of the inadequacy of responsiveness of health systems. But that is not the only reason. There is adequate proof that improvements in access to contraceptives, antenatal care, post-delivery health care, body mass index, and the economic status, besides a concerted reduction of higher-order births, births in higher ages, will help reduce MMR. The message during this milestone anniversary year is two pronged: improve overall care for women, and keep real time track of such crucial health data. Immediate action is required to meet the SDG goal regarding MMR. Ultimately, it is more than about just the numbers. There are people — mothers and infants, entire families — behind these numbers who will benefit from such an urgent and intense action on reducing eminently preventable deaths. *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

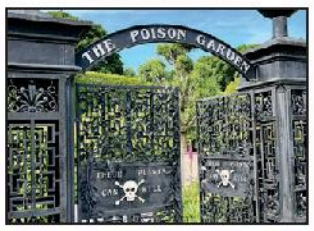
Record 'Sonic the Hedgehog' collections

Texas: A Texas man who has been collecting Sonic the Hedgehog memorabilia for 30 years earned a Guinness World Record when his cache of items was officially tallied at 3,050.

Barry Evans of Dayton said he bought a copy of Sonic the Hedgehog 2 for Sega Genesis in 1992 — his first-ever video game purchase — and he's been hooked on the character ever since. "Sonic The Hedgehog has been my passion for 30 years," Evans told Guinness World Records.

Evans said the game was the first item in his collection, and the second was a Sonic-themed bubble gum container in 1993. "Later I saw a poster and more toys, and I just started decorating my room with it," he said.

The World's Deadliest Garden



Alnwick : One photo from England is shocking the internet, shows the 'World's Deadliest Garden', which has over 100 varieties of dangerous plants. The photo surfaced on Twitter on June 25. The Poison Garden is situated in Alnwick, in England's Northumberland County.

According to garden authorities, nearly 600,000 people visit the garden annually, and are allowed to only undertake guided tours. Despite the warnings few people fainted by inhaling toxic fumes from lethal plants.

This Garden has poisonous plants like Monkshood, Rhododendrons, Wolf's Bane and Ricin which is world's most poisonous plant. Garden was envisioned by Jane Percy, the Duchess of Northumberland, in 2005 who became enthralled with the idea of creating a garden of plants that could kill instead of heal.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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National e-Scholarship for differently-abled students

Mysuru, July 24- The Department of Women and Child Development and Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens have invited online applications from eligible Pre-Matric and Post-Matric disabled students for availing National e-Scholarship of the Union Government for the academic year 2022-23.

The last date for applying is Oct. 31, 2022. The students can apply with necessary documents through the website *https://scholarships.gov.in*

For more details, visit the District Disabled Welfare Office located on Pulikeshi road, Tilaknagar, Mysuru or call Ph: 0821-2490333.

The applications are also available with Multi-purpose Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) working at Taluk Panchayat Offices and Village Rehabilitation Workers (VRWs) and Urban Rehabilitation Workers (URWs) serving at Gram Panchayats, according to a press release.

Scholarship for admission to engineering and medical courses

Mysuru, July 24- Pragathi, an organisation based in the United States, has invited applications for scholarship from economically backward students for admission to engineering and medical professional courses for the year 2022-23 through *Pratham Mysore*.

Eligible students with Engineering rankings (CET) within 10,000 and Medical rankings (NEET) within 40,000, and from economically backward families can register their names by logging on to *www.prathammysore.org* and clicking on the button "Pragathi Scholarship."

Pragathi will finalise the eligible students and *Pratham Mysore* will directly contact the selected students who meet the criteria.

For more information contact Jagadeesh, COO, *Pratham Mysore* on Mob:99861-58340 or Phone: 0821 - 2412612 or visit *www.prathammysore.org* or email: *prathammysore@gmail.com,* according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***The first known beer was called kui, brewed by the ancient Chinese around 7,000 BC. The earliest evidence of beer brewing in the West is from 3500 - 3100 BC at the Godin Tepe site in modern Iran, but it is believed that the Sumerians were brewing much earlier than that, even as far back as 10,000 BC.***
- ***Sumerian women generally brewed their beer from bippar (twice-baked barley bread); it was as thick as porridge and drunk through a straw.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband: *Soon we will be married for 10 years. I will get you a nice new car for our anniversary.*
Wife: *Oh darling. Nothing would please me more!*
And so the husband got her nothing for the anniversary!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 79.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.85
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 21.74
1 Euro	= Rs. 81.55

VOICE OF THE READER

No entry to DD Urs Road

Sir,

It is so disheartening to see the entry point to D. Devaraj Urs Road from K.R. Circle being closed since the last 4 days because of the pipeline work.

Moreover, the other route to be taken to reach DD Urs Road from K.R. Circle, that is by taking a turn towards Jaganmohan Palace, is also blocked with barricades near the junction itself.

DD Urs Road being a business hub, we can't afford to lose its customers because of the untimely work underway. Since the past 4 days, parking is looking dull on the entire road as there is hardly any other alternative route to enter DD Urs Road which is a one-way stretch.

Hope the authorities will see to it that the works are completed as early as possible.

—Rajat Jain
on e-mail

Mysuru
22.7.2022

New employment policy to increase jobs for locals

Cabinet approves specific guidelines on how various industries should provide jobs

Bengaluru, July 24 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Cabinet has approved an employment policy with a three-year plan to create 7.5 lakh employment opportunities, mostly in the textiles and garments sectors.

"If companies have to make an additional investment, they have to create extra jobs based on the criteria explained in the policy," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy told reporters after the Cabinet Session on Friday.

The Karnataka Employment Policy 2022-25 proposes preference for locals in all job categories. The policy seeks to achieve the target by offering extra incentives for investors to generate more jobs. The Cabinet approved the policy that CM Basavaraj Bommai had announced in his first Budget in March this year.

There were specific guidelines on how various industries should provide employment. "Under the new policy, the number of jobs should be increased and locals should be employed," he said. The vision is to ensure ample availability of the relevant workforce across Karnataka and provide job opportunities to a larger base of the State's workforce to reduce unemployment in Karnataka, he said.

The increase in the number of jobs would depend on the category of industry and investment. If an industry is categorised as medium-scale, where the minimum employment is 20 and it agrees to create seven more jobs, then the policy will allow for an additional investment of up to Rs. 10 crore, the Minister said.

Similarly, if an industry has proposed to increase working capital by Rs. 50 crore, it has to generate a minimum of 30-50 jobs. If the investment is Rs. 100 crore, a minimum of 35 additional jobs should be created, the Minister said.

The Government has increased the minimum job generation requirement for industries. Ultra mega units, which were earlier required to create a minimum of 400 jobs, will now have to generate 510. The minimum job requirement of large-scale industries has increased from 50 to 60 and that of medium-scale industries from 10-15 to 20.

If the entrepreneurs have to invest additionally, they will have to create extra jobs based on the criteria explained in the policy, he added.

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SWR Mysuru Division to give a boost to Start-Up ecosystem

Mysuru, July 24- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, had organised a workshop on 'Indian Railway Innovation Policy (IRIP) - Start-Up for Railways' at the Chamundi Club in Yadavagiri on July 19.

Addressing the participants, Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), SWR, Mysuru, said that the workshop aimed to encourage Start-Ups to come up with solutions to improve Operational efficiency and safety on Indian Railways.

About 24 Start-Ups, MSMEs and other entities from across Karnataka participated in person while 19 entities joined through video-conference.

Rahul Agarwal highlighted the salient features of IRIP such as grant up to Rs. 1.5 crore to innovator on equal sharing basis with provision of milestone-wise payment, complete online processing with 100% transparency, assistance from Railways for carrying out trials of prototypes, enhanced funding on successful performance of prototypes, retention of developed Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) with innovator, etc.

Agarwal said that the world is currently witnessing 4th industrial revolution with ever evolving next generation technology tools like Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Big data Analytics, Cloud Computing, multifaceted drone technology, Robotics, Nano technology etc. Start-Ups in India are on the rise and many young innovative entrepreneurs have chosen to invest and innovate within our country.

He also urged the Start-Ups, MSMEs, Innovators and other firms present during the workshop to join this initiative and enrich themselves as well as Indian Railways.

For information on this, Start-Ups, MSMEs and other entities may login to the Indian Railways Innovation Portal [*https://innovation.indianrailways.gov.in/*].

A. Devasahayam and E. Vijaya, Additional Divisional Railway Managers, Levin Prabhu, Senior Divisional Finance Manager and Other Senior Branch Officers were present during the day long workshop.

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Name of the Training	Duration	Qualification	Intake
Machine operator Assistant Plastics Processing (MoA-PP)	03 Months	8th standard pass	100 Nos. All category (Boys & Girls)
Machine operator Assistant Injection Moulding (MoA-IM)			

Age Limit. General/EWS, 18 to 30 years, for OBC 18-33 Yrs. For SC/ST 18-35 years

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437/A, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru-570016
Web: www.cipet.gov.in email: cipetmys1@gmail.com

For more details contact:
93807 56024, 90666 48466,
0821-2510619, 97890 10015

NEWS BRIEFS

KDP progress review meeting

The District KDP (Karnataka Development Programme) progress review meeting will take place at Abdul Nazir Sab Auditorium in Mysuru ZP Office at 10.30 am on July 26. The meeting will be chaired by District In-charge Secretary. All the district-level officials are asked to attend the meeting with all necessary documents and records, according to a press release from ZP CEO.

Art courses

Sree Kalanikethana School of Art, Mysuru in association with Kannada University, Hampi has invited applications for admission of BVA in Painting and Applied Arts degree courses conducted by the School. Those with a pass in SSLC and PUC passed or failed are eligible to apply. Interested may obtain their applications at the School office in Vijayanagar and submit the filled-in forms with necessary documents before July 30. For details, contact Mob: 98447-75238 or 97429-18181.

Pratibha Puraskar

Shri Male Mahadeshwara Teachers Association, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District has invited applications from meritorious students belonging to SC community for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. Students who have scored 90 percent in SSLC and 85 % in Science and 90 %in Commerce and Arts branches in PUC exams 2021-22 are eligible to apply. The last date to apply is July 31. For applications and details, call on Mob: 90080-87287, 99165-78969, 99801-54573.

Feb. 2023 deadline to complete Mandakalli housing project

Mysuru, July 24 (SBD&DM)- Setting Feb. 2023 as the deadline for completion of PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana) Housing Project at Mandakalli, where 2,446 houses for beneficiaries of Chamundeshwari Assembly constituency is coming up, Housing Minister V. Somanna on Saturday said that the Government was ready to build 1,000 more houses if land was provided.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for PMAY-Housing for all project being executed under the joint aegis of Housing Department, Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited (RGHCL), District Administration and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), at Mandakalli (behind Mandakalli Airport) in the taluk yesterday.

Pointing out that the Housing Project which will cost Rs. 158 crore, is coming up on a 33-acre land, Somanna said that there will be 48 units of G+1 Model and 2,398 houses in the G+2 Model, totalling 2,446 houses.

Giving details of the Project funding, Somanna said that the Centre is providing Rs. 36.69 crore, while the State Government is releasing Rs. 37.17 crore, RGHCL, which is the implementing agency, is chipping with Rs. 16.95 crore and the balance amount is to be paid by the Project beneficiaries. Each House will cost Rs. 6.61 lakh, he added.

Continuing, Somanna said that the beneficiaries were asked to deposit Rs. 70,000 in 20 days and pay the remaining amount within the next three months. He further stated that the Housing Ministry has set a target of completing 7,592 houses under Basava Housing Scheme, 2,648 houses under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Nivas Yojana in rural areas and 931 houses under Vajpayee Urban Housing Scheme and 294 houses under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Housing Scheme in urban areas of the district this year.

Housing Minister V. Somanna laying the foundation stone for PMAY-Housing for all project at Mandakalli yesterday as MP Pratap Simha, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, MLA G.T. Devegowda, In-charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda and others look on

"3.55 lakh houses have been built by RGHCL ever since the present BJP Government came to power. Also, measures are in place for construction of 1,58,287 houses for which 5503.87 acres of land has been acquired. So far, the Government has released Rs. 34 crore as subsidy for housing beneficiaries", the Minister maintained.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) asked the beneficiaries not to forfeit the opportunity by failing to make the initial payment. Advising the allottees not to sub-let their houses, GTD praised Somanna, saying that various Housing projects have received traction ever since he assumed charge as Housing Minister. He also appealed the people to pray God for Somanna to become the Chief Minister.

On his part, Somanna referred to the names of GTD and MP Pratap Simha a number of times. Maintaining that he stayed for 45 days in Mysuru when he served as Mysuru District-in Charge Minister for 229 days, Somanna asserted that he cannot forget the co-operation extended by GTD and Pratap Simha. Contended that the two were the driving force of the programme, Somanna said just as CM Bommai has provided homes to transgenders at Bengaluru, Simha and GTD have done the same in Mysuru, without giving any scope for lapses in the allotment.

Somanna also heaped praises on MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, saying that Government Schemes can be executed in time if there were officials of his (Reddy) kind in all Urban Local bodies.

In-charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, ADC M.J. Roopa, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, RGHCL Managing Director Dr. Basavaraju, General Manager Mahadeva Prasad, Corporators Ramesh, Nirmala Harish and Lakshmi Kiran, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, Chamundeswhari Constituency BJP President Mahadevaswamy, leaders M. Shivanna, Hanumanthu, Yashaswini Somasehkar, G. Somashekar and others were present.

Dowry harassment death case

Five sentenced to seven years imprisonment

Mysuru, July 24 (DM)- A city Court has sentenced five persons, including the husband of the victim, to seven years rigorous imprisonment on charges of abetting the death of a married woman, who committed suicide due to dowry harassment.

Those sentenced are Soma, the husband of the woman, her father-in-law Eeranna, mother-in-law Sudhamani and relatives Mahadevaswamy and Murthy.

Megha, daughter of H.N. Mahadevaswamy and Veena couple of Harohalli village in Jayapura Hobli of Mysuru taluk, who was in love with one Soma alias Harish of the same village, married him at Yediyur Siddalingeshwara Temple in Tumkur district on May 24, 2016. But after the marriage, Megha's husband and her In-laws started harassing for dowry, following which a village Panchayat was held. But a day after the Panchayat, Megha was found hanging at the residence of her husband on Mar. 12, 2017, following which the deceased Megha's father lodged a complaint with Jayapura Police, holding Megha's In-laws responsible for her death. The Jayapura police after conducting investigation, had submitted charge-sheet at the Court against all the five accused.

The Fifth additional District and Sessions Court Judge Mallikarjuna, who heard the case, held all the five guilty of the charges and sentenced them to 7 years rigorous imprisonment, besides imposing a penalty of Rs. 5,000 on each of them. Public Prosecutor Nagappa C. Nakman argued on behalf of the Government.

K.R. Nagar Police book nine persons in dowry death case

K.R. Nagar, July 24- Following a Court order, the K.R. Nagar Police have registered case against nine persons on charges of abetting the death of a married woman, who allegedly died due to dowry harassment.

Bindushri (25), daughter of B.K. Swamy of K.R. Sagar, had married Manjunath of Doddekoppalu village in K.R. Nagar taluk on May 5, 2019, when Manjunath was given a dowry of Rs. 5 lakh in cash and 150 gm. of gold jewellery as dowry. But a few months later, Manjunath and his family members started harassing Bindushri for bringing more dowry. Deeply depressed Bindushri committed suicide by hanging self at her husband's house at Doddekoppalu on Mar. 12, 2022. Later, Bindushri's father Swamy filed a private complaint at the Court, which after hearing the case, directed the K.R. Nagar Police to register case against all those responsible for her the death.

Following the Court direction, the K.R. Nagar Police on July 21, registered a case against nine persons, including the deceased Bindushri's husband 29-year-old Manjunath, her father-in-law D.P. Parthegowda, mother-in-law Bhagya, sisters-in-law Shobha, Uma and Deepika and brothers-in-law Basavaraju, who is a CAR (City Armed Reserve) ACP at Mysuru, Kalappa and Swamygowda, and are investigating.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.58	feet
Yesterday	:	124.50	feet
Inflow	:	17,290	cusecs
Outflow	:	15,806	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.73	feet
Inflow	:	12,655	cusecs
Outflow	:	14,563	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,856.05	feet
Inflow	:	2,766	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,820	cusecs

'Somanna Vanasiri Award' conferred; achievers from various fields feted

Mysuru, July 24 (MK&SSM)- "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has initiated many schemes and programmes to bring people from the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) to the mainstream. The State Government is also working towards execution of all the programmes to provide basic facilities to the poor and needy," said Housing Minister V. Somanna.

He was speaking at 'V. Somanna Vanasiri Award' presentation programme organised by his Fans Association at Nityotsava Convention Hall near Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle) here yesterday.

Recalling the responsibility given by former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa of providing housing facilities to all EWS persons, Somanna said that caste system is only a part of life. "Work is above everything. When there is power in hands it is our responsibility to help everyone in need. One must be service-minded rather than enjoying the power they posses," he said.

Stating that Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, Balagangadaranatha Swamiji and Suttur Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji were his guides, V. Somanna said that he has learnt so many aspects throughout his political career. "25 years have passed since Chamarajanagar was declared as a district. Special contributions to the district will be announced before Aug. 4, he said.

MP Pratap Simha, who too spoke, lauded Somanna's contributions when he (Somanna) was the Mysuru District Minister.

Nature lovers and environmentalists C.M. Venkatesh and G. Jayalakshmi Venkatesh of Chamarajanagar, who have planted 10,000 plants, were conferred with 'V. Somanna Vanasiri Award'.

H.J. Basavalingappa, C. Basavegowda, Om Prakash, Dr. Harsha Basappa, Prakash Chikkapalya, Shivaji Rao Jadav, Art Teacher Sangeetha, DCP (Crime and Traffic) Geetha Prasanna, Dr. Yogesh, Shivamurthy Kanya, Paramashivappa and K.S. Mahadevaprasad were also felicitated in recognition of exceptional achievements. Suttur Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion. MLAs L. Nagendra and G.T. Devegowda, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, In-charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Senior Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar and others were present.

Rafting thrill draws tourists to rapids at Dubare, Barapole

Kushalnagar, July 24 (Akshay & BCT)- Adventure lovers who have been pining to get some adrenaline rush are heading towards Dubare and Barapole in Kodagu district for whitewater river rafting and rappelling in the rapids. Rafting in the Cauvery and at Barapole is an exhilarating experience. Rafting usually starts once the inflow into the Cauvery and Barapole increases and the level rises. A raft is a rubberised, inflatable boat with different carrying capacities.

A 7-kilometre journey at Dubare will take about one-and-a-half hours while it is shorter but adventurous at Barapole's 4.5-km rafting. The tranquil water may be a deceitful thing along the course of the Cauvery and Barapole as one hits the rapids (a section of the river where the water moves very fast particularly over or bisecting the rocks).

If one is tired of their mundane schedule and wants to try something adventurous with friends then river rafting is one of the perfect and thrilling options that one can opt for. The thrill, however, is not without a certain amount of risk. However, the risks are what enhance the river rafting experience for many adrenaline junkies.

Dubare

Barapole

Rapid adventure

At Dubare, rafters will get to experience two rapids and swimming is allowed at two places. Barapole has more than nine Class 2 Class 4 rapids and is set on the banks of the Kithu Kakathu River (KKR). The river is a turbulent one all along its route as it flows through the Brahmagiri hills to the Arabian Sea via Kerala.

While June to the end of September is the 'whitewater' season, October to December or January is a 'stillwater' season. After which, the water level depletes. Whitewater is formed in a rapid when a river's gradient changes enough to generate so much turbulence that air is trapped within the water. This forms an unstable current that froths, making the water appear opaque and white. Stillwater is part of a stream where no water current is visible.

Good response

The response for rafting is pretty good with over 2,000 rafters during weekends and over 250 rafters daily. At Dubare, there are 70 rafts and 70 guides while Barapole has 9 rafts and 9 guides. Soon, 10 more rafts will be added to the existing fleet at Dubare as there is a huge demand.

Safety is of paramount importance here and all the guides are well trained. Life jackets are worn by all the rafters and the guide and at Dubare, each life jacket can withstand a weight of 180 kgs and there is little chance of drowning. Rafting at Dubare costs Rs. 600 per person and Rs. 1,200 at Barapole. Each raft can carry six rafters and one guide.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Pavan of Coorg Water Rafting Sports and Adventures, Barapole, said that the response is good. "Only those who are passionate about rafting and adventure come here and we have many regulars. It is quite challenging and tests the adventure spirit," he said.

Need changing room for ladies

C.L. Vishwa, raft owner and former President of Dubare Rafters Association, said that they desperately need a changing room at Dubare for ladies and girls and also there is a need to establish a drinking water facility.

"If the District Administration wants to attract more tourists to Dubare, then a hanging bridge is a must for tourists to reach the Elephant Camp from one side of the Cauvery river. Unfortunately, the tourist-friendly project has been shelved by officers without a vision," he added.

Rules and regulations

The Kodagu District Administration has came out with a 23-point formula to ensure safety. The operators must secure permission from the Departments of Police, Forests, Fire Force and Tourism, and employ trained guards to accompany the rafters. Every one of them should have ID cards issued by Tourism Department and should be trained in first-aid methods. Smoking and drinking is prohibited during rafting. Rafters should also obtain permission from the Karnataka Inland Water Transport Department.

Sixth Edition of Mysuru Literature Festival

'Nothing ever dies but goes into Samadhi to re-emerge strong'

Booker Prize winner Geetanjali Shree says people wrongly think they can change course of history

Mysuru, July 24 (MK&BCT)- The Sixth Season of the Mysuru Literature Festival that was inaugurated last afternoon at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road had an interesting session where Booker Prize-winning author Geetanjali Shree dwelled upon translation and its inner ramifications. The festival is being organised by Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015.

Geetanjali Shree, the 65-year-old author from New Delhi, made literary history when her Hindi novel, 'Ret Samadhi' — translated into English by Vermont-based Daisy Rockwell as 'Tomb of Sand' — won the 2022 International Booker Prize for Translated Fiction.

Booker Prize-winner Geetanjali Shree (right) in conversation with Sita Bhaskar at Mysuru Literature Festival yesterday.

Set in North India, this is the first novel originally written in "any Indian language" to receive the prestigious honour meant for "the finest single work of fiction from around the world which has been translated into English and published in the United Kingdom and Ireland."

Geetanjali Shree was in conversation with Sita Bhaskar. She said that the translation of the title doesn't resonate with the idea of Samadhi.

"Nothing ever dies but goes into Samadhi. I don't agree with the translation of the title of the book 'Ret Samadhi' into 'Tomb of Sand'. A tomb cannot be a Samadhi. All that goes into Samadhi improves and re-emerges after some time. Some people think that they can kill some thoughts or ideologies and can change the course of history. But, it is only temporary," she said.

Comparing the title of her book with current happenings in India, she went on to say that 'Samadhi' is a transformational aspect rather than just an end. A translation isn't a different book but the same in a different form. Yes, English is an advantage so also it makes you lose something original. Inanimate objects play a great part in literature when words become inadequate," she said.

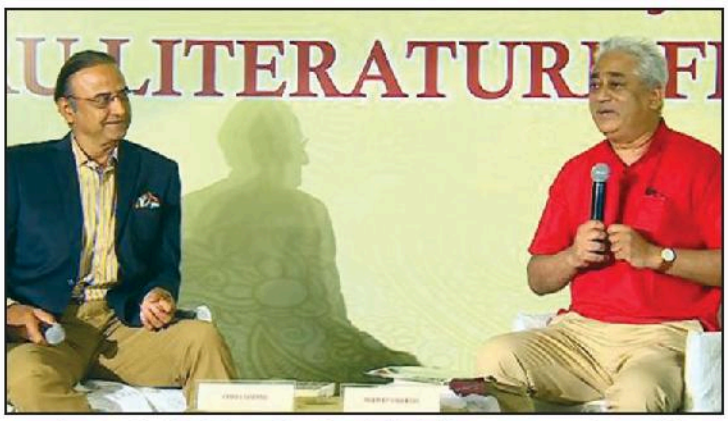
On theatre, the author said that theatre taught her the redundancy of words. "Though English played a pivotal role in my life acting as a link language, it also restrained me from learning other Indian languages," she added. Describing a family as the centre of 'Ret Samadhi', she said that family is a microcosm of everything that goes on in the world. "All political and sociological tensions of the world are reflected in a family," she added.

'Politician's children can be netas but cricketer's kids cannot be cricketers'

The second session for the day was on 'Cricket as democracy in action' where journalist Rajdeep Sardesai was in conversation with Charu Sharma. Rajdeep spoke about how India is the most aspirational society where the hunger to achieve comes from tier 2 cities.

"A politician's son or daughter can become a politician easily, but the case is different for a cricketer as their parents cannot help them to score runs and perform," Sardesai said during the course of the conversation. He quoted examples from his father Dilip Sardesai's life. His father learnt to play cricket from a tailor, who coached him after listening to the commentary on the radio.

On a humorous note, Sardesai said, "G.R. Viswanath would bring Mysore Pak for my father and it would be so heavy that it was hard to play afterwards." He also spoke about Dhoni and Kohli of the new age cricketers and their dedication and simplicity. Charu spoke about kabaddi and the soft power of sports.



Journalist Rajdeep Sardesai (right) in conversation with Charu Sharma at Mysuru Literature Festival yesterday.

The third panel was on 'writing about history - perspectives in fiction, non-fiction and architecture'. The panel had the young, promising author Anirudh Kanisetti, Nidhin Olikara, Mysuru's Dr. Vishwanath and Dr. H.S. Champa discussing the perspectives of writing history.

The discussion went from what attracts people to history to the architecture of the past which keeps the stories alive, and how history transformed the world and continues to transform.

Before the scintillating performance by Grammy Award Winner Ricky Kej at Jyothi Hall of Southern Star Hotel, there was an impressive Yakshagana titled 'Harinabhisarana' by Abhijna Hegde, Prasanna Bhat Heggar, Anantha Padmanabha Phatak, Sadashiva Bhat, Anantha Hegde Dantalige, Sanjaya Kumar Beleyur, Deepak Bhat Kunki and Vigneswara Havagodi at Gardenia area of the hotel.

Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej performing at Hotel Southern Star last evening as part of Mysuru Literature Festival.

MDJA's Annual Sports Meet begins at Sports Pavilion

International heptathlete M.R. Dhanusha throwing shot-put marking the inauguration of a two-day Annual Sports Meet for journalists and their family organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at University of Mysore (UoM) Sports Pavilion this morning as UoM Physical Education Director Krishnaiah, Federation of Organisations & Associations of Mysuru (FOAM) President B.S. Prashanth, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Gen. Secretary M. Subramanya, City Secretary P. Rangaswamy, Executive Committee Member N. Suresh and A. Krishnoji Rao, journalist Afsar Pasha and others look on. Prize distribution for today's winners will be held at 4 pm today. Mysuru SP R. Chethan and Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda will be the chief guests. Tomorrow (July 25), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar will inaugurate the Shuttle Badminton and Cricket tourneys at 8 am. Valedictory will take place at 4 pm. City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta will be the chief guest.

Kris Srikkanth regales Literature Fest audience

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Today's sessions began with cricket where Srikkanth told the audience, "That triumph gave us the belief that we could be the best. That India could conquer the world. It was a very important result for Indian cricket."

Interspersing his talk with anecdotes, wit and humour, he held the audience in rapt attention and actively involved them in the conversation. Instead of a one-way talk, it was communicative. Srikkanth said, "It was the first match against the West Indies at Old Trafford that instilled confidence in us."

Kris Srikkanth addressing the gathering at Mysuru Literature Festival at Hotel Southern Star this morning.

Passion and the right attitude: Addressing writers and literature lovers, he said that passion is important for anyone who wants to achieve anything in life. "Unless you have passion, you cannot write and without passion, there is no victory in cricket. The India team, led by Kapil Dev did the unthinkable at Lord's on June 25, 1983, defeating the mighty West Indies by 43 runs to make history," he recalled.

"Sometimes I have to pinch myself and say we are still talking about the 1983 World Cup. It's been 39 years. It was a great achievement. As our manager put it in the '83 movie, it was our second independence. We got our independence in 1947; this was the Independence Day for cricket in India. That changed the face of Indian cricket in my opinion. I'm sure all of you will agree," he said and the audience responded with an emphatic yes.

Meant to be a combined holiday: When Srikkanth and a few other teammates left for England for the 1983 World Cup, it was meant to be a stopover for them. The plan was to head to the US from there for — besides a combined holiday — a belated honeymoon for Srikkanth who got married in March.

"You will never get another Kapil Dev in your life. He is a guy who never gives up. He's a never-say-die cricketer. He's a typical Punjabi who says 'Don't leave it guys'. He has got that attitude, an aggressive attitude. He likes to take on his opponents. That's what his attitude is," he recalled.

Srikkanth said Kapil Dev's aggressive attitude was the key to winning the title. "Prior to the World Cup, we went on a tour, I was actually dropped for that. That's when I got married. One of the ODIs, we beat them. Kapil Dev said 'when we can beat the West Indies once, why not once more?' We thought he went nuts. Just like how they are portrayed in the movie 83, all of you must've seen it. They had an incredible team, I thought he went mad. But then, our captain was very serious," he said.

Ending Caribbean supremacy: The engineer-turned-cricketer further added that they did not feel that much pressure in that historic summit clash as the then-mighty West Indies were the favourites to win their third straight title. "We ultimately registered the biggest win in the history of world cricket as India won by 43 runs and thereby, ended the Caribbean supremacy," Srikkanth added.

"We could walk on the streets of London on the same night and say we are the world champions. We Indians across the world can walk on the streets whether in London or in New York and say we are the world champions. That is the greatest achievement of the 1983 World Cup," Srikkanth explained.

Later, a question-and-answer session followed where the cricketer again stressed on positive attitude, passion, self-belief and energy. "My mouth is my greatest strength and at the same time it is my greatest enemy too," he said.

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 Founder-Managing Trustee Shubha Sanjay Urs, Vice-Chairman Sam Cherian Kumbukattu, Treasurer Raian Irani, Joint Secretary C.R. Hanumanth, Secretary Thankam Panakal, Trust Members Kitty Mandana, Author and entrepreneur Aroon Raman and others were present.

Minister thanks people for successful Ashada Fridays atop Chamundi Hill

Distributes 50,000 ladoos today

Mysuru, July 24- With the last Friday in the Ashada month successfully getting over on July 22, District Minister S.T. Somashekar has thanked the people of Mysuru and the devotees for their co-operation during the four Ashada Fridays that fell on July 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Speaking to press persons after the launch of distribution of 50,000 ladoos out of his own money to devotees atop Chamundi Hill this morning, Somashekar said that he was thankful to the people of Mysuru, all political parties and Departments for the success of the event, which passed off without any untoward incident.

Pointing out that at the same time, he would also like to apologise for any lapses that may have occurred inadvertently, Somashekar defended the cancellation of passes saying that the distribution of passes had given rise to confusions. Referring to the forthcoming Dasara, the Minister said that the District Administration was gearing up to conduct Dasara smoothly this year in a grand manner, as decided by the State Government.

Earlier, Somashekar had *darshan* of Goddess Chamundeshwari and sought her blessings.

MLA G.T. Devegowda, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President Mangala Somashekar, Chamundeshwari Temple Chief Priest Shashishekar Dixit, Executive Officer C.G. Krishna and others were present.

Park: PIL to be filed in High Court

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Founder President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat Bhamy V. Shenoy told *SOM* that the High Court has made it clear in its couple of judgements that civic bodies cannot violate the rules.

"Despite this, the MCC is blatantly violating norms. In fact, the MCC claims that a section of the public had sought amenities and hence a senior citizens' centre was being constructed inside the park. A senior citizens' centre is a public utility. Does it mean that the MCC will construct any other utility inside the park like a swimming pool just because the people request it," he wondered.

Moreover, the MCC has claimed that 5 percent of a park area could be used for civil works as per the law and the ongoing construction fell within that limit. "The officers are not even aware of the law. The law clearly states that no construction can be allowed if the area of the park was less than 5 acres and the Jayanagar Park is less than that," Shenoy added.

Even if the park was more than 5 acres, as per law, a building for guards' quarters can be constructed or a space can be created to store park maintenance equipment. In the case of Jayanagar Park, the construction occupies 30 percent of the park. Ensuring that no construction comes up inside any park is one of the obligatory functions of the MCC.

"But here, the MCC is the biggest violator. We will file the PIL to restrain the MCC from violating the law. In fact, the PIL will take examples of Jayanagar Park and the park that is being vandalised by the MCC through many constructions at K.C. Layout," he said.

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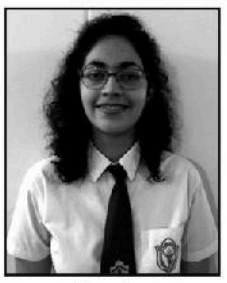

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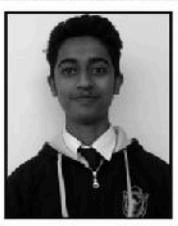

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Droupadi Murmu's journey from Odisha to New Delhi

By Dr. Manik A.V. Bengeri

In the 2022 Presidential election, Droupadi Murmu defeated Yashwant Sinha. According to the official data, Murmu won a total of 6,76,803 votes against Sinha's 3,80,177 votes. She would be the 15th President of the Republic of India.

Even before the results were declared, victory became clear and as such, the people of Odisha, especially of Mayurbhanj started celebrating the victory like they celebrate Diwali.

The residence of Murmu in Mayurbhanj was decorated within no time and people gathered on the roads singing, dancing, chanting slogans and distributing special sweets — the same scene was seen at Raisina Hill which will be Murmu's official residence in New Delhi.

In a true sense, it is a journey of a brave woman's struggle to success — one who has successfully travelled the difficult path amidst adversities and stood firmly not with self-interest but for the people.

In other words, we can be sure of good governance — where women are given respect and honoured. Our rich Indian culture has realised the importance and capacity of women thousands of years before and our Nation has survived only because of these high values in life.

The victory has come in 2022, the year of *Amrit Mahotsav* of India's Independence. Though she is the second woman to occupy this high position, she is the first woman to occupy the position belonging to the backward tribal community of Odisha. Surely, it is not only a victory of NDA but it is a victory of India's culture, which teaches us to worship women at the topmost position and this time it is our privilege to see a tribal woman becoming the First Citizen.

It is a hard journey for any person to reach the country's highest position, more so for a woman and Murmu is no exception. Her success story is full of difficulties, hard work and tolerance at every level.

Born on June 20, 1958, in Mayurbhanj to a poor family, her parents were unable to provide her with even basic requirements of life. However, she was destined to shine in life on her own and make everyone in her family feel proud. Her struggle started at an early age.

Her childhood was full of all scarcities which included a lack of proper drinking water, a proper place to stay, leave aside good education. Amidst all these adversities, Droupadi Murmu was determined to study and thrived.

She was the first graduate in her family as well as in her village. The doors of service opened for her and she joined in Irrigation Department of Orissa Government as a clerk. Here she was not satisfied with the nature of the job which was quite monotonous. She wanted to pass on her knowledge to the downtrodden children of the area and hence she preferred to become a teacher. Thus, she could fulfil her dream of making deprived children better educated.

Seeing her ability, people around her forced her to enter the social field and she became a Corporator (Nagar Sevak). Her journey to serve people never stopped at the local level. Later, she was elected as MLA and became a Minister. Not only did she occupy the post of Governor of Jharkhand but also was the first aboriginal woman to occupy this Gubernatorial post.

All her achievements are based on her ability, capacity, honesty, selflessness and strong urge to uplift society, especially the downtrodden classes. She never remained satisfied by self-elevation or individual progress. All the energy within and power, she utilised for the betterment of people. In a true sense, she is the follower of the main principle of democracy — for the people.

In due course, she married Shyam Charan Murmu and became the mother of two sons and one daughter. She believed in simple living and followed non-exhibitive living. Even as a former Governor, she lived in a small house in Mayurbhanj avoiding any sort of facilities.

Though her success story is exemplary, her domestic front is not as smooth as expected or imagined by others. Destiny played a big role in her life and Droupadi Murmu had to go through all the unwanted tough incidents in her domestic life.

Unfortunately, she lost her first son in 2009 and her second son in 2012. Both these incidents were hard for the mother to accept and as a result, she went into depression. Her life became meaningless and unbearable. At such a critical time, she calmly surrendered herself to Indian philosophy, which gave her sufficient strength to come out of grief.

Within a month after her son's accidental death, she lost her mother. Her husband died in 2014. She consoled herself and stood up again with the courage to serve the needy people.

She stood firm to serve and as such in 2015 she became the first woman Governor of Jharkhand where she served for 5 years. During her tenure, she gained a name as a disciplined and strong administrator and established good examples of being a polite servant of democracy.

June 20 was her birthday and as a coincidence, her name was confirmed as the nominee for the post of President on June 21. It was a big shock for her and a pleasant surprise for the citizens of India.

She visited the Shiva Temple at Mayurbhanj as usual, where she performed her daily services of cleaning the entire temple with a broom in one hand and water in the other. Later, she had a good chat with staff and priests — an epitome of simplicity. Let us all pray for her success and wish good luck to our nation.

Experts inspect cracks on Ramakolli Hills in Madikeri

Thick fog, heavy rains hamper detailed inspection

Madikeri, July 24 (PS&BCT)- Senior geologists and experts from the Kodagu District Disaster Management team and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel on Friday visited Ramakolli Hills and other hilly areas of Second Monnangeri in Madikeri which have developed cracks due to heavy rains.

Villagers and residents have expressed concern over deep cracks in the hills and rumours are rife that a disaster is in the offing like it happened in 2018 when many hills washed away. However, a detailed inspection was hampered due to rain and fog. Earth has caved in near the area which had witnessed landslides in 2018. The under-construction bridge at Ramakolli too has been damaged.

Residents have said that a series of earthquakes, with epicentres around M. Chembu village, was the reason for the cracks and they were worried whether the crack could result in a landslide. However, senior geologist Srinivas said that there is no link between the earthquake and the cracks.

The villagers took the team to the place where they had noticed the cracks. They were also taken to the places where landslides had occurred in 2018. The team found that there were minor cracks on the hill next to the site where a landslide had occurred in 2018.

The residents said that loud noises were heard from the region a few days ago and the water flow suddenly increased in the stream while there were driftwood and huge stones along the stream.

There are over 30 houses 900 metres towards the east of the foothill. The experts told the villagers that due to increased rainfall and foggy weather, a detailed inspection may not be possible at this juncture. The study can be taken up once the rain recedes, they said.

Applications invited for availing benefits under Nagarothana Scheme

Mysuru, July 24- The city's Srirampura Town Panchayat has invited applications from SC/ST and other eligible poor/disabled beneficiaries for availing different types of benefits under the Chief Minister's Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme.

The benefits include financial assistance for construction of houses for Pourakarmikas to be taken up under rain damage rehabilitation works, granting of loans for dependents of Pourakarmikas for setting up small industries or businesses, granting of subsidy (23.33% for SC- 9.45 % for ST- 2.32 % for the poor) for construction of houses, distribution of prosthetic equipment to physically challenged persons depending upon the percentage of disability and disbursement of medical expenses in case of surgery, subsidy for construction of toilets etc.

The interested eligible beneficiaries can visit the Planning Section of Srirampura Town Panchayat for prescribed application forms and other details, according to a press release.

Calling Consumer Commission litigants

Mysuru, July 24- The District Consumer Redressal Commission has proposed to destroy all files related to disputes/ litigations that were resolved with final settlement/ award in the period from Aug. 2014 to Dec. 2015, in accordance with the rules.

As such, the Commission has asked the litigants, respondents and all other parties concerned to apply and take back their files containing original documents and order copies from the Commission Office within a month. The Commission will destroy the files after the one month deadline.

Applications that are received after the deadline will not be considered, according to a press release.

As literacy grew, harmony declined: Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, July 24 (GA&DM)- Stating that though the literacy rate which was just 16 percent at the time of Independence, has now grown to 78 percent, Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah bemoaned that with the rise in literacy, peace and harmony in the society is falling.

He was speaking during the interaction which followed after the release of the book "Siddharamaiah Aadalitha: Neeti Nirdhara" (Siddharamaiah administration: Police decisions) at the programme organised by Bengaluru's Janamana Pratishtana at Kalamandira here on Saturday.

Pointing out that the book contains articles by 27 writers, which is an independent and fair assessment of his (Siddu) tenure as the Chief Minister, Siddharamaiah maintained that the book is not his felicitation volume and he had not visited or called on any of the writers before the publication of the book.

Asserting that he believes in the Constitution and Democracy, Siddharamaiah said that he had got translated many of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's works and speeches into Kannada, which should be read by all.

Bemoaning that the standards of Democracy is falling day by day, with money and muscle power ruling the roost, he opined that apart from politicians, the people too should be blamed for this.

Contending that the BJP does not believe in Democracy and reservation for the oppressed sections, the former CM accused the BJP of privatising everything. Noting that unemployment is increasing day by day, he wondered what all has happened to 'Make in India' campaign at a time when imports have largely exceeded exports.

Expressing resentment over the sorry state of elections in the country, when even a person like Mahatma Gandhi too should have to shell out money for getting votes, he opined that, however, we should not get disheartened and try to ensure that the system does not deteriorate.

Referring to the election of Droupadi Murmu, a tribal woman as the President of India, Siddharamaiah said that the BJP wanted someone who was a rubber stamp to occupy the President post. Charging that CM Basavaraj Bommai is under the control of RSS, he said that Bommai works as per the directions of his mentor, the RSS.

Wondering how societal transformation can be brought about when votes are sold for notes, Siddharamaiah questioned the people's mandate for defectors who fell for 'Operation Kamala'.

Charging the BJP Government of reducing funds under SCP-TSP grants, the former CM wondered why Dalit Legislators, MPs and other elected representatives in the BJP have remained silent, without bothering to question the Government.

Former Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sabeeha Bhumigowda said that the book is a significant one as it is a review and analysis of the Siddharamaiah Government, which ruled State for five years.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji said that it is a great achievement that a person who had his early education by writing on sand, went to reach great heights by becoming the Chief Minister. Siddharamaiah has filled the void created after the death of Devaraj Urs, Swamiji added.

Mysuru Kaginele Mutt Seer Shivanandapuri Swamiji said that Siddharamaiah should not retire from politics and instead should dedicate his life for the service of the society till his last breath.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji said that Siddharamaiah was a voice of the oppressed sections of the society and this had catapulted him to the top post. Siddharamaiah must be credited for giving a stable Government and implementation of a host of welfare schemes and programmes.

Former Legislative Council Chairman B.L. Shankar observed that there was a lack of leadership everywhere. Siddharamaiah, who is playing his last innings in politics, should ensure growth of leadership in the State.

Siddharamaiah was felicitated on the occasion.

NCC cadets' donation to needy

Mysuru, July 24- NCC cadets of 14 Karnataka Bn NCC, Mysuru, distributed study materials, clothes and stationeries to the needy people residing at Ashadayaka Seva Trust in Metagalli, Mysuru and poor children on streets recently.

As part of social service, NCC cadets collected necessary items from their friends, colleagues and neighbours. The cadets, inspired by NCC values and principles with the motto of care and empathy for the society, contributed in a small way.

Senior Under Officer (SUO) Chaitra, SUO Prajwal of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road, Mysuru and SUO Deeksha of JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram Mysuru, initiated this activity.

TEASER By N. Prakash

India likely to surpass China as the most populous country in 2023 – UN Report
" Finally, Indians are beating us with something Made In India "

Bike Rally in city on July 26 to mark Kargil Vijay Diwas

Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association Mysuru District Unit President K.P. Diwakar addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan yesterday as Rotary International (RI) District 3181 District Governor (2023-24) H.R. Keshav, Assistant Governor K. Manjunath, Association District Gen. Secretary H.S. Nanjundaswamy, Rotary Heritage Club Mysore President Suresh and Secretary M.P. Prabhakar look on.

Mysuru, July 24 (PM&SSM)- The Mysuru District Unit of Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association and Rotary Heritage Club Mysore have jointly organised a bike rally on July 26 to mark Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Association District President K.P. Diwakar said that July 26 is celebrated as Kargil Vijay Diwas to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War for ousting Pakistani forces from their occupied positions on the mountain tops of Northern Kargil district in Ladakh during 1999. "This victory of India is celebrated all over the country."

"In this regard, a bike-rally has been organised for the second year to honour the contributions and sacrifice made by the soldiers for the country. The rally aims to create awareness among youths about patriotism," he said.

General public aged above 18 years and who have Driving License (DL) are eligible to take part in the bike rally which will be taken out from Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Hotel Circle) at 8.30 am after offering floral tribute to the bust of K.M. Cariappa. The rallyists must compulsorily wear helmets.

The rally will pass through JLB Road, Babu Jagjivan Ram Circle (Railway Station Circle), Irwin Road, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Prabha Theatre Road, Gandhi Square, Clock Tower, Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, Gun House Circle, Ekalavya Circle, New Kantharaj Urs Road and will reach Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram.

MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, MLC C.N. Manjegowda will be the chief guests. At 10.30 am, a stage programme to felicitate ex-servicemen will be held at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram, Diwakar said.

Rotary International (RI) District 3181 District Governor (2023-24) H.R. Keshav, Assistant Governor K. Manjunath, Association District Gen. Secretary H.S. Nanjundaswamy, Rotary Heritage Club Mysore President Suresh, Secretary M.P. Prabhakar were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Finicky

Pronunciation: FIN-ih-kee.
Meaning: Finicky means "very particular in tastes or standards."
Origin: If you're a reader of a certain age (say, a Boomer, Gen Xer, or even a Xennial), you may remember cheeky television commercials featuring Morris, a finicky housecat who only eats a certain brand of cat food. (Morris is still featured on product labels.) Morris's tastes in cuisine are not only very particular, but very fine as well, and that's appropriate given the origin of finicky. The word came about as an alteration of finicking, itself an alteration of another adjective, finical. It's believed that finical derives from the adjective fine.
Example: "The cucumber is a pretty finicky vegetable, having strong opinions about soil, sun, and water."

THE ODD WORD

Fainéant

Puppet ruler; do-nothing; idle person.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fair exchange is no robbery

Meaning: An exchange of two things of equal value is a reasonable and honest trade.
Origin: The proverbial saying 'fair exchange is no robbery' is first found in a place we might expect to find it, that is, an early and comprehensive collection of English proverbs. There are a few of such but, in this case, it is John Heywood's 1546 glossary A Dialogue conteinyng the nomber in effect of all the Prouerbes in the Englishe tongue: Though chaunge be no robbry for the changed case. Apart from what it means and where it originated, there's not a great deal more to be said about this proverb.

QUOTE BOX

Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalised robbery.

—Calvin Coolidge

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :Stick around.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Slow run
4 Three in Italy
7 Secret agent ?
10 Dad's sister
12 Norse goddess
13 Lew ___ : Aussie tennis great ?
15 Officer who maintains order in a courtroom
17 Dominion
18 Bristle of barley
19 Afterwards
20 Prelude or prologue, in short?
23 A Scottish tribe
25 Fastens
26 Water smoking pipe
29 Wood sorrel
30 Section of a journey or a race
31 Move heavily
33 Fertilized egg
36 A table-land
37 Fibs or untruths
38 Fortunate
39 Exclusive news item
42 Awkward lout?
43 Perfumed powder
44 Elongate, extend or draw out
49 Main out of a dairy
50 An informal friend
51 Causes irritation
52 Naval air stn.
53 Place where pig's sty
54 ____ about : attend to?

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

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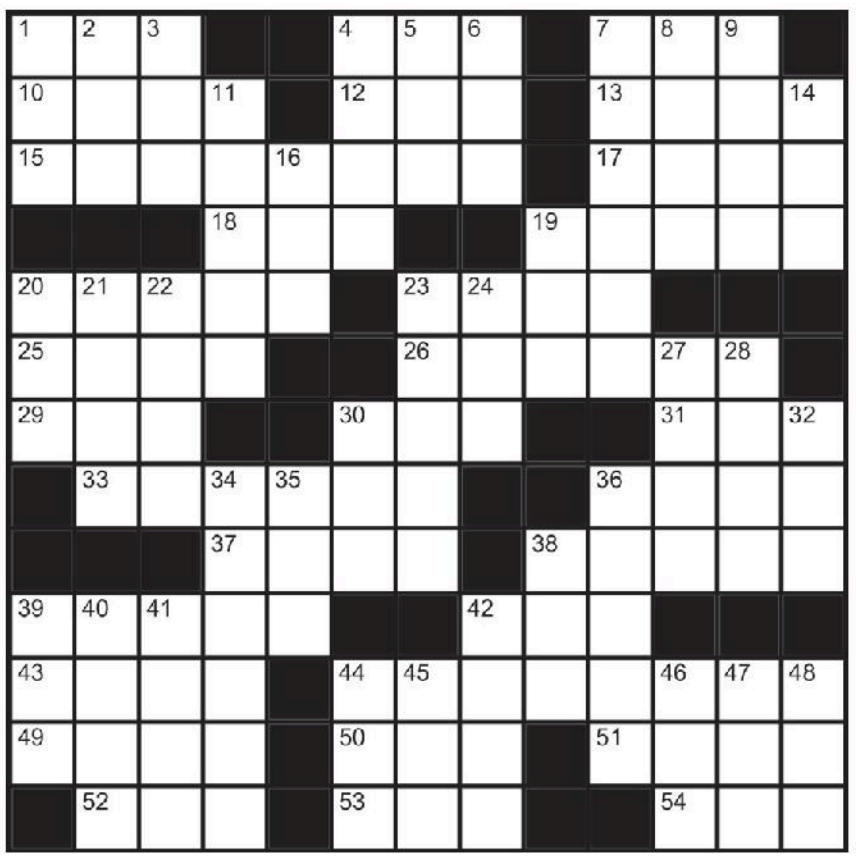
DOWN

1 N. Indian Caste
2 French assent
3 Gross Natl. Prod.
4 Comparison word
5 Adjudicator on the pitch
6 Fairy, sprite
7 Grew less or diminished
8 Purse lips sulkily
9 US college or famous lock?
11 Russian emperors
14 Munich the
16 Pair
19 Indochinese language
20 IRS in India
21 Kind and good
22 A sporting side
23 Confusion or mess
24 Cut off or sever
27 Mr Guinness of Hollywood
28 Dry outer part of seed
30 Cleaning agent
32 Merry or happy
34 Stops ball with bat?
35 Tear, rend or shred
36 Civilian clothes
38 Fall behind
39 Seminary deg.
40 He slew his brother Abel
41 Clay water jar
42 Just the one
44 Records
45 Devour or consume
46 Hours in short ?
47 ___ out : supplement income etc. with difficulty ?
48 Natl. Stock Exchg.



SUDOKU

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				2		6		
			1	4		9	8	
	1	9		7	3			
		2		5				
		3	7			2		
8	5				2		4	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	4	1	2	9	7	8	6	5
5	7	6	1	3	8	9	4	2
2	9	8	6	5	4	7	1	3
7	2	3	4	6	9	1	5	8
8	6	5	3	1	2	4	9	7
4	1	9	7	8	5	3	2	6
6	5	7	9	4	3	2	8	1
9	8	2	5	7	1	6	3	4
1	3	4	8	2	6	5	7	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RLJ CJWR GSKJ QHK BHKKX, PJZKJWWUHY,

EJDVYGLHDX, CKHHPUYF, UW RH FH PJDUCJKVRJDX

QHKRL VYP RKX RH DUQR BURL HYJ'W WXEZVRLX

RLJ FDHHE HQ WHEJCHPX JDWJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS G

Friday's Cryptoquip: It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

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- **Prabha Theatre** — Ph: 2423569
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- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Bairagee (K) 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 9900820093
  Bairagee (K) 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Petromax (K) 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Thank You (Te) 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Benki (K) 2 Shows; *Hudugi (K)* 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Judaa Hoke Bhi (H) 4 Shows
- **Sterling Theatre** — Ph: 2481170
  Oh My Love (K) 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Chase (K) 2 Shows; *Thank You (Te)* 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Maha (Ta) 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  777 Charlie (K) Morning Show; *Shamshera (H)* 3 Shows
- **Skyline Theatre** — Ph: 2481170
  Anjan (K) - 4 Shows
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  Miss Mallige (K) - 4 Shows

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Thank You (Te)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.30 pm 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Petromax (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 pm
Sri Ranga (K)	(S-2)	11.20 am
Maaraya (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Maha (Ta)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Mahaveeryar (Ma)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Malayankunju (Ma)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Samshera (H)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Dejavu (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Rocketry (H)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Paws of Fury: Legend of Hank (E)	(S-4)	10.55 am
777 Charlie (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Thor: Love & Thunder (E-3D)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

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Shamshera (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am
	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 4.00 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
777 Charlie (K)	(S-1)	6.40 pm
Thor: Love & Thunder (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Paws of Fury: Legend of Hank (E)	(S-3)	10.05 am; (S-4) 3.55 pm
Petromax (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Gargi (K)	(S-3)	12.15 pm
Mahaveeryar (Ma)	(S-3)	10.20 pm
Malayankunju (Ma)	(S-4)	10.35 am
Dejavu (Ta)	(S-3)	3.05 pm
Maha (Ta)	(S-3)	5.40 pm
Thank You (Te)	(S-1)	3.55 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am
RK - RKAY (H)	(S-3)	8.05 pm

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Shamshera (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 4 pm 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Thank You (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.00 pm, 3.50 pm 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
777 Charlie (K)	:	12.25 pm, 6.25 pm
Paws of Fury: Legend of Hank (E)	:	12.25 pm, 5.30 pm
Petromax (K)	:	12.30 pm
Rocketry (H)	:	12.40 pm
Thor: Love & Thunder (E-3D)	:	2.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Malayankunju (Ma)	:	3.25 pm
Maha (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Gargi (K)	:	6.00 pm
Dejavu (Ta)	:	7.20 pm
Minions: The Rise of Gru (E-3D)	:	7.50 pm
Mahaveeryar (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

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Shamshera (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Thor: Love & Thunder (E-3D)	:	10.15 am, 1.00 pm, 7.15 pm
Thank You (Te)	:	10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 4.05 pm 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Maha (Ta)	:	12.35 pm
Petromax (K)	:	3.15 pm
777 Charlie (K)	:	3.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Rocketry (H)	:	6.10 pm
Dejavu (Ta)	:	9.30 pm

Neeraj Chopra becomes 2nd Indian to win a World Championships Medal

Oregon, July 24- India's Neeraj Chopra won silver medal in the men's javelin throw final at the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon, today with a best throw of 88.13m, which he registered with his fourth attempt.

Grenada's Anderson Peters won the gold medal with a best throw of 90.54m. Peters threw 90.21m in his first attempt and then bettered it in his second at 90.46m. He then registered his best throw in his sixth attempt, to successfully defend his world title. Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch won bronze with a best throw of 88.09m, while Germany's Julian Weber finished 4th with a best attempt of 86.86m.

India's Neeraj Chopra (silver), Grenada's Anderson Peters (gold) and Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch (bronze) pose with their medals.

Chopra became only the second Indian — and first Indian man — to win a medal at World Athletics Championships, after long jumper Anju Bobby George, who won bronze in 2003.

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 24)

- **Silk India:** Exhibition-cum-sale of silk products, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA):** Annual Sports for journalists and their family, prize distribution, Mysuru SP R. Chethan and Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda chief guests, Mysore University Sports Pavilion, **4 pm.**
- **Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** 6th Mysuru Literature Fest, 'Telling a Tale of a Time Lost, An Era Past by Rugmani Prabhakar, Bharathi Ganashyam and Padmavati Rao, **4.30 pm;** 'Embedding State Capacity with Community Wisdom' by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam and Yumna Hari Singh, Jyothi Hall, **5.15 pm;** 'Sufi - Music to Reach Out into the Universe' by Aparyaaptha, Gardenia, **4.30 pm;** Children's Sessions at Board Room - 'Chase the Stars with the Taranauts!' by Roopa Pai, **5 pm;** 'Yoga for the Youth - Learning How to Never Quit!' by Yamini Muthanna and Manisha Dasappa, **5.45 pm;** 'Animal Empathy - Fostering the Love for Nature in Children' by Snake Shyam, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru:** 11th Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Kalemane auditorium, conferring of Kalemane Award on Karnataka Kalashree Nritya Guru Prof. M. Shankuntala, retired Principal, University College of Fine Arts, Manasagangothri, a Rajyotsava and Shantala Awardee, Dr. Mahajabeen Najm, former Principal and Professor, University College of Fine Arts and Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle, Secretary, Mysore Art Gallery, chief guests; Bharatanatyam by disciples of Karnataka Kalashree Guru Prof. Dr. K. Kumar of Kumar Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru; Nritya Sambhrama by disciples of Karnataka Kalashree Guru Vidya Ravishankar, Director, Sri Matruka Cultural Trust; Bharatanatyam by disciples of Guru Rajeshwari Ravi, daughter of Guru Krishnaveni Rangarao, Director, Shraddha School of Dance and Music; Nrithya Vaibhava by disciples of Guru Arathi Arun, Sri Ganesha Sangeetha Nrityala Charitable Trust; Bharatanatyam by disciples of Vid. Gururaj Vasisth, Sudhindra Nritya Kalaniketana, Bengaluru, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4.30 pm.**
- **Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance:** 'Nada Nrityopasana-2022,' Bharatanatyam by Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior students, accompanied by Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen - natuvanga, Vid. M.S. Naveen Andagar - vocal, Vid. M.J. Kiran - mridanga and Yeashas N. Kashyap - flute, RamaGovind Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Kadambi Padma Memorial Trust and Parampare:** Discourse on DVG's *Mankuthimmana Kagga* by G.S. Natesh, Shivamogga, Devaranama by Tejaswini, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha:** Vocal concert by Vidu. Aathreyee Krishna, Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar - violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap - mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda - ghata, Sri Ramamandira, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Ramakrishna Ashram:** Aghaharanandaji talks on 'Swami Vivekanandara Gurubhakti,' Ashram, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Uttara Kannada Jilla Samskrutika Sangha, Havyaka Sangha, N.N.B. Catering and Mithra Vrinda:** Yakshagana 'Sudhanvarjuna'; Himmela: Bhagavataru - Ananta Hegde Dantalige, mridanga - Manjunath Guddedimba and chande - Bhargava Heggod; Mummela - Sanjana Beleyuru, Vighneshwara Havagodi, Gokarna, Sadashiva Bhat, Malavalli, Deepak Bhat, Kunki and Aditi Sharvari, Uttara Kannada Jilla Samskrutika Sangha, Gange Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Ashwaparva' by participants of Subbaiah Naidu Theatre Workshop, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Guru Purnima, Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, special programmes, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2486486]
- **Mysore Pharma Golf Association:** First edition of Gold Tournament-2022, closing ceremony and prize distribution, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) President B.M. Nagesh distributes prizes to winners, JWGC Club House, Nazarbad, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 25)

- **Avadhoota Datta Peetha:** Guru Purnima, Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha rituals by Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, Sri Chakra Puja, Homa, **7.30 am;** Discourse on Yoga Vashishta, **8 am;** Special programmes, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.**
- **MDJA:** Annual Sports for journalists and their family, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar inaugurates the Shuttle Badminton and Cricket, **8 am;** Valedictory, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta chief guest, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar presides, Mysore University Sports Pavilion, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Sri Hosmutt, Sri Nataraja Women's PU College, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota and Mysore Art Gallery, Mysuru:** Book release — Senior artist and writer L. Shivalingappa's 'Aramaneya Drishyakale mattu Kalavidaru' and 'Kannada Nadina Vachanakararu' — by Yaduveer Wadiyar and MLC A.H. Vishwanath, Hosmutt Seer Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, senior writer and Visiting Professor Dr. C. Naganna speaks about the book, Pratishtana Special Officer Dr. S. Shivarajappa presides, Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Sri Nataraja Auditorium, Shankara Mutt Road, **11 am.**

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Gargi (K)	:	11.00 am, 4.15 pm
Petromax (K)	:	11.00 am, 1.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Maaraya (K)	:	1.40 pm
Maha (Ta)	:	4.30 pm 6.45 pm
777 Charlie (K)	:	7.45 pm
Pyali (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

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